

Te Motu Term 4 Update 2022

From the Syndicate

Hold on tight folks! It going to be a full on term! Eight and a half weeks to do a thousand and one things! Hopefully this Update will give a bit of a heads up and you get some idea of what is going on.

Dates for your Diary - Please note that some of these times and dates may change, and there will be other dates/events added throughout the term. These are all of the dates at this time.

Wednesday 19th Oct - Technology (this is instead of Thursday for this week only)

Thursday 20th Oct - Year 8 Gardisal Immunisations

- Golf Tournament involving 4 teams

Friday 21st Oct - Tabloid Sports for the whole syndicate at Paraparaumu College 10am - 12pm

Monday 24th Oct - Labour Day - school closed

Wednesday 26th Oct - Midweek Munchies -Room 7 to organise

Thursday 27th Oct - NZ Shake out

Wednesday 2nd Nov - Syndicate Athletics Day (pp date Friday 4th Nov)

- Midweek Munchies - Room 8 to organise

Monday and Tuesday 7th & 8th Nov - E Pro 8 in the school hall

Wednesday 9th Nov - Interschool Senior Athletics (pp date Friday 11th Nov)

- Midweek Munchies - Room 13 to organise

Thursday 10th Nov - Frozen Cookie Dough Camp Fundraiser delivery

Tuesday 15th Nov - Innovation Showcase afternoon - parents are invited to view student's work 2-3pm

Wednesday 16th Nov - - Midweek Munchies - Room 14 to organise

Thursday 17th Nov - Year 8s attend Paraparaumu College's Amazing Race

Friday 18th Nov - Te Motu Annual Debate Cup Final in the school hall at 9am

Wednesday 23rd Nov - Midweek Munchies - Room 15 to organise

Thursady 24th Nov - 2023 Road Patroller's Training

Wednesday 30th Nov - Midweek Munchies - Room 16 to organise

Thursday 1st Dec - Local School's Kapa Haka Hui at Our Lady of Kapiti

Tuesday 6th Dec - Year 8 Leavers Dinner 6pm in the school hall

Tuesday 13th Dec - Te Motu Syndicate Fun day at Levin Adventure Park and Aquatic Centre

Thursday 15th Dec - Senior Prize Giving in the school hall at 9.20am (TBC)

- School Closes for 2022 at midday

What we will be learning this term

As per usual we have a busy and exciting programme planned for the term. Here is a brief outline of what we will be covering in Te Motu classes for the final term of 2022.

In Maths we will be covering Geometry where we will look at Identify classes of two & three dimensional shapes by their geometric properties, relate three-dimensional models to two-dimensional representations, vice versa. Also, Position & Location where we will be learning to communicate & interpret locations & directions, using compass directions, distance, & grid references, and we will cover size & place value structure of positive & negative integers & decimals to three places.

Our literacy programmes will continue as usual covering reading, writing, oral language and grammar skills and we will also be learning the protocols of debating finishing the term with our annual Interclass Debate challenge. We apologise in advance for any increased debating of issues at home from your "little" loved ones.

Our school wide Inquiry of Innovation will carry on from last term with the grand finale being our Innovation Showcase where you are all invited to visit classroom exhibits of our innovations. These will be on display across the school on Tuesday 15th November between 2 and 3pm.

The main focus for PE this term is Athletics. We will cover the disciplines of shot put, discus, high jump, long jump, sprints, hammer throw and javelin. Towards the end of the term, we will hopefully be able to make the most of some lovely summer days and enjoy some good old summer sports and team games. We will also have a bit of fun with dance and learn some classic dance moves that the year 8s can try out at the Leaver's Dinner in December.

Tabloid Sports

The whole syndicate will be walking over to Paraparaumu College this Friday (21st Oct) to participate in a Tabloid Sports event. This is an annual event involving a couple of other schools from the area, which is organised by the Year 11 PE students at PC. It is a whole lot of fun and a chance to win the fought after trophy from the other schools! No permission is required for this event as it is covered in your Blanket Consent form. Please remind your child to wear appropriate clothes/shoes to run around in, wear sun block and a hat, and to bring a drink and a snack. Please feel free to pop over to the college between 10am and 12 if you want to cheer us on.

Camp 2023

Of course, this only involves this year's Year 7s who will be going on Camp as Year 8s in March 2023. We are not able to say which camp your child will be attending as we do not know which class your child will be in in 2023. Class lists for 2023 will not be finalised until the end of this term. You will be informed about dates and given details about camp at the beginning of Term 1 2023.

There will be 2 camps in 2023 for Te Motu students. We are going to Bridge Valley Adventure Camp in Wakefield, Nelson. The Camp dates are:

- Monday 13th March - Friday 17th March 2023
- Monday 20th March - Friday 24th March 2023

We would like to send a huge thank you to everyone who has been involved in organising and helping at fundraising events over the last two terms of 2022. This is making a difference to each individual's camp fee. We would like to take the opportunity to remind you that you are able to set up an automatic payment through Kindo where you can drip feed funds into your child's camp account. We do encourage all families to drip feed money into their Kindo account. \$5 a week would make a huge difference. This money will sit in your Kindo account and will not be touched until you assign it to Camp. Contact Libby in the office if you need more info on how to do this - lrichardson@pbs.school.nz

MIDWEEK MUNCHIES - this is a great individual fundraiser. Every student who brings along some home baking on their scheduled day, will get the proceeds taken off their own camp account. Every little bit helps!

Here is the timetable FYI

Wednesday 26 October - Rm 7 Year 7s with Rm 1 Year 6s

Wednesday 2 November - Rm 8 Year 7s with Rm 2 Year 6s

Wednesday 9 November - Rm 13 Year 7s with Rm 3 Year 6s

Wednesday 16 November - Rm 14 Year 7s with Rm 4 Year 6s

Wednesday 23 November - Rm 15 Year 7s with Rm 28 Year 6s

Wednesday 30 November - Rm 16 Year 7s with Rm 29 Year 6s

Hopefully you have all been getting lots of Frozen Cookie Dough orders in as this has been a huge individual fundraiser. In previous years we have had students pay for their entire camp by just selling cookies! Camp accounts will not be finalised until early next year as we still have fundraising events on the go and the more we raise, the less the costs for everyone will be. More details will follow.

We will be sending home a request for parent helpers for our camps in the next few days. This will be a general request as we can not specify which camp you will be needed for (your own child will be on the same camp we promise!). You will be given plenty of warning about which camp you will be needed for giving you time to sort out work etc.

Camp is an extremely valuable and memorable experience for all. We are really looking forward to giving your child a wonderful experience they will never forget.

The last few weeks of this term will be very busy with many events and celebrations, many of which are very special and memorable for our Year 8s who will be taking the next big step in their journey leaving their primary school days behind. We will keep you as well informed about these events as we can but it might be a good idea to put the above “dates to remember” somewhere safe.

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From the Te Motu Team - Cath, Colin, Teresa, Alice, Caty and Larisa.